Update September 2025

MEN'S COMMITTEE NEWS

CLUB CHAMPS

These are underway at present and will culminate in the finals to be played on Sunday 14 September. Best of luck to those who are still in contention.

Feel free to come out on <u>Sunday 14 September</u> to watch the finals and to join in with the prize giving - which will be held around 4.00pm.

One thing that has become obvious is for the need for those taking part to be more aware of the rules, especially those relating to match play. These can be different from stroke play with regards the penalties for doing something wrong.

PREBBLE CUP:

Our team is underway in this competition and doing very well.

They won their first round versus Stewart
Alexander and won 8 matches to 4. The second
round saw the team play Walton at Te Aroha.
After being locked up at 6 matches all, the team
won on count back 16 to 13.

The next round is on Sunday 14 September - vs Mercury Bay. Keep up the great play team.

Special thanks to Paul Williams who is overseeing our representative teams.





Why We Use Sand to Repair Divots

1: Purpose of Sand in Divot Repair

When a golf shot removes a piece of turf (a divot), it exposes bare soil and damages the playing surface. Without prompt repair, these spots become uneven, unsightly, and vulnerable to weeds .

Applying a sand mix to the damaged area helps:

- Fill the depression left by the divot to keep the surface level for play.
- Protect the exposed soil from drying out, washing away, or becoming compacted.
- Encourage regrowth of the surrounding grass by providing a stable medium for the turf to spread.

2: Benefits of Using Sand

Smooth Playing Surface - Keeps fairways even and prevents bad lies

Improved Drainage - Sand allows water to pass through quickly, avoiding puddling in repaired spots.

Faster Turf Recovery - Sand mixed with seed (if used) creates ideal conditions for germination and root growth.

Reduced Weed Invasion - Filling divots promptly prevents weeds from establishing in bare areas.

Durability - Sand withstands mower blades and traffic better than loose soil alone.

3: Why Not Just Replace the Divot?

Often the removed turf dries out before it can re-root, especially in hot or dry weather.

Loose divots may be shredded by mowers, creating a worse surface.

Sand provides a consistent repair method across the whole course.



CLUB CHAMPS -STROKEPLAY

The gross and handicap strokeplay championships are being played concurrently on these Saturdays:

20 September

27 September

4 October



4: Member Responsibility

Golf course presentation is a shared responsibility. Players can help by:

Filling divots on fairways and tees using sand bottles provided on carts or at tee boxes.

Levelling the sand with their foot after filling to create a smooth surface.

Repairing promptly – ideally immediately after the shot.

5: Conclusion

Using sand for divot repair is one of the simplest and most effective ways to keep the course in top condition.

The consistent use of sand helps maintain fairway playability, speeds turf recovery, and ensures all players enjoy a quality golfing experience.